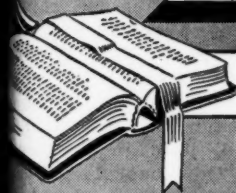
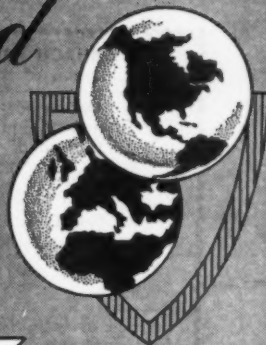


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THINGS THAT CHEER

by Elva Horsman
 Think today of some love-
 making,
 on, or sky, or sea;
 in bloom, or birds that
 fly, hills and lea.
 Use today through the
 of love,
 beauty in each soul find,
 thoughts of peace, swift
 as a dove,
 saving all mankind.
 View the crown beyond
 the cross,
 on the thorny way,
 unfound, no rapture
 in sunlight of today.
 This is full of thoughts that
 our
 realm to fill,
 lovely things to see and
 think upon, if we will!



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following:

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las and Brother Squires—Brother
Douglas is pastor at Dillon, S. C., also
district pastor. Rev. C. C. Rains, state
overseer of Indiana, was with us for

a devotions and made our hearts
happy by a short talk. Reverend
Staley, a Methodist missionary of
twenty years' labor in India, stopped
in to visit with Brother J. H. Walker,
our Executive Missions Secretary.

COVER PICTURE

Thanksgiving

In the United States, the last Thurs-
day in November, annually set apart
for thanksgiving, by proclamation of
the president and of the governors
of the various states. The day is ob-
served with religious services in the
churches, and, especially in New Eng-
land, as an occasion for family reu-
nion. The Pilgrims set apart a day
for thanksgiving at Plymouth immedi-
ately after their first harvest, in 1621;
the Massachusetts Bay colony for the
first time in 1630, and frequently
thereafter until about 1680, when it
became an annual festival in that
colony; and Connecticut as early as
1639 and annually after 1647, except
in 1675. The Dutch in New Nether-
land appointed a day for giving
thanks in 1644 and occasionally
thereafter. During the Revolutionary
War the Continental Congress ap-
pointed one or more Thanksgiving
Days each year, except in 1777. Presi-
dent Washington appointed a day of
thanksgiving (Thursday, November
26) in 1789, and appointed another in
1795. President Madison, in response
to resolutions of Congress, set apart a
day for thanksgiving at the close of
the War of 1812. By 1858 proclama-
tions appointing a day of thanksgiv-
ing were issued by the governors of
twenty-five states and two territories.
President Lincoln appointed the last
Thursday of November, 1864, and each
President has followed his example.

It has been many years since the
day depicted on the cover page. It was
necessary that the Pilgrims protect
themselves against the Indians, who
did not understand the white settlers,
even on their way to and from church
as well as while in service. Today,
our government throws about its
citizens of all religious faith a wall
of protection, so that we not only
worship God according to the dictates
of our conscience, but that without
molestation.

Let us not be so completely carried
away with the tasty daintiness of the
Thanksgiving dinner of spicy pump-
kin pies, turkey, with all the trimmings
and delicious fruits, etc., that we will
forget to pray for the millions in des-

titute condition. Our hearts should
go up to our heavenly Father in a
sincere gratitude and praise for His be-
nificent kindness in bestowing upon
our unmeriting lives His manifold
spiritual and material blessings.
THANKSGIVING Day and every
—J. D. B.

Cover Picture by Harold M. L.
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SHE PLANTED A FLOWER

By Ruth B. Wolfe

On November 9 there was released
a special stamp bearing the imprint
of Miss Moina Michael's picture, a
poppy and a torch. This combina-
tion of symbols bears a significance
known to thousands of those who knew
"The Poppy Lady," both in our own United States
and abroad; it is an expression of
honor to "The Poppy Lady," as she
has become known the world over. Stan-
dard the lady who caught the torch from
by those who sleep in Flanders' Field.

This special stamp, which was
authorized by Congress and the Presi-
dent of the United States is the culmi-
nation of untiring effort on the part
of those who felt that a memorial
stamp was due the memory of a
beloved woman. She had been the
recipient of many outstanding tribu-
tations, but it was the deep devotion
of those who knew her intimately who
gave her the form of a stamp.

The story of her struggles and suc-
cesses, of her unflinching courage and
flinty determination, was a famous
and a dear one to her friends. She
her own lips they had heard the
moving narrative of the day when
she sat in a room of the YWCA in
New York City, reading the poem of
McCrae, "In Flanders' Field." The
poem touched the springs of her
dearest feelings and it was then that

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WANTED. We need a man to help
with our farm work and supervise our
boys. If you are interested in this
type of work, which has unlimited
possibilities to help the unfortunate,
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EDITORIALS...

FEWER DUSTY BIBLES

Let us give thanks unto God for the Holy Bible, and urge to do our best to make the above topic a fact.) Being an unused Bible lying about in his home, a small boy asked his mother whose book it was. "It is God's Book," she reported to have said. "Well," replied the boy, "don't think we should return it? Nobody seems to read it." Stories like the above do not apply to all the homes of America, according to Dr. Frederick Cropp, Secretary of the American Bible Society, who has spent a considerable amount of time investigating just this situation. "People wrong who say that while the Bible may be the world's best seller, it is the least read book and the book that nobody knows," continued Dr. Cropp. The new "commercial and religious publishing houses continually put out 'new' Bibles, new in the sense they contain out-of-date explanations and many references to help the reader understand obscure and difficult passages. The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, a version in plain and direct language of today, held its place in the list of religious best sellers for many months, following its publication in 1946. The Bible, that used to appear in a plain but a sombre binding of black, can now be found in attractive, colored bindings, appealing to the eye in the neat and readability of type. An estimated millions of Americans listen every Sunday in their churches to ministers reading from the Scriptures. One of the most popular radio programs of its class, according to a Hooper rating, is the half-hour broadcast on Sunday evening of "The Greatest Story Ever Told," based on incidents taken from the Bible. This phenomenon increase in Bible reading is not confined to our own land. A recent visitor to Japan has reported seeing the Japanese reading copies of the New Testament on park benches and while riding in buses and on a train. The Student Christian Association there operates a shift sidewalk Bible stalls in Tokyo where the passer-by may secure a copy of the Scriptures, so great has been the demand for the books. In Japan people by the hundreds, in and about Tokyo, meet daily for study of the Bible, according to information received by the American Bible Society from the Bible Society in Japan. About 120 city and student YMCA groups are currently meeting in Japan also, reports K. Nagamatsu, who serves as director of a YMCA "Read-the-Bible" Movement which got under way fifteen months ago, according to Religious News. Nagamatsu said many of the groups hold their meetings in factories during lunch hours. The American Bible Society has not been able to fill the demand for Scriptures from Japan, although it has supplied 345 copies from July 1, 1945, to the end of June, 1948. Future publication is now possible in Japan and the Society has furnished, in addition to the actual 345, 105 tons of Bible paper and has been asked to secure additional tons for editions of Japanese Scriptures. In Edinburgh, it is learned, a six-year schedule is being worked in Scottish schools which will insure that every boy and girl will receive Scripture training "on a par with mathematics and languages" and "know the Bible as well as their grandfathers."

This last statement should make our Supreme

Court Justices blush with shame over their recent ruling in the Champaign, Illinois, case against the Bible being taught in our "Christian American schools." God have mercy on them and us, the citizens of the U. S. A., until this cursed ban is lifted.

BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Counting

Count your blessings (*Psa.* 103:1-5).

Addition

A problem in addition (*II Peter* 1:5-7).

Solution to the above problem (*II Peter* 1:8).

More abundant life (*John* 10:10).

Blessings (*Prov.* 28:20; *Mal.* 3:10).

Power and strength (*Isa.* 40:29).

Love (*Eph.* 3:19; *Heb.* 13:1).

Peace (*Luke* 2:14; *Isa.* 54:13).

Joy (*John* 16:22).

Subtraction

Fear cast out (*I John* 4:18).

Wrath and doubt (*1 Tim.* 2:8).

Hard-heartedness (*Ezek.* 36:26).

Sin (*Psa.* 51:2).

Multiplication

Grace and peace multiplied (*II Peter* 1:2).

Churches multiplied (*Acts* 9:31).

Division

Sharing the best (*Matt.* 28:19, 20).

Comfort (*Isa.* 40:1).

Blessedness of sharing (*Acts* 20:35).

Equations

Grace equals need (*Heb.* 4:16).

Interest or Increase

Hundredfold (*Mark* 10:30).

Above asking or thinking (*Eph.* 3:20).

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SING "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

I recall an incident in a great revival as a supplement to the lesson above. The devotions were in full swing and the chorister was about to announce another song selection when an invalid came down the aisle in a wheelchair pushed by a friend. The evangelist seized the opportunity to show the invalid recognition by leaping to his feet and stating to the song leader. "Perhaps our friend in the wheelchair has a favorite song he would like to join us in singing."

Upon being asked, the invalid said, "Yes, oh yes, 'Count Your Blessings, Name Them One by One.'" I have really been put to shame by observing the patience and courage of those who are less fortunate than I am, physically.

In Everything

GIVE THANKS

By Rev. H. L. Chesser,
General Overseer

I Thess. 5:18. Thanksgiving is that day which is set aside as a holiday, a day of memories; remembering history of a great day after a devastating winter and a toilsome summer. Our Pilgrim Fathers, with hands of steel and hearts of gold, lifted offerings of thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving is a day, whether in the midst of famine or earth's rich harvest, on which we pause to count our blessings and acknowledge our benefits. Thanksgiving is a day when we reflect in our minds histories of the past when our nation was engaged in a great and terrible war, days of drought, famine, pestilence, epidemics; and we can see the kind providence of God and His great love and care, yet we so little show our appreciation.

Thanksgiving is a day of festivity, music, laughter, frolicking children, family gatherings, yet for some, amidst it all there is a sad refrain. Life has not turned out as they hoped and expected; there has been a disappointment, or the loss of a loved one, and it doesn't seem like Thanksgiving. But Paul admonishes us to give thanks in everything, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. Job's wealth and property was gone and his sons killed in a tornado, but we find him worshipping God, saying, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We see Paul in perils of false brethren, weary, left for dead, shipwrecked, and at the end awaiting the headman's axe. Yet through it all, he says, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory."

Just draw a mental picture of China with her continual war, European countries behind the "iron curtain," and multitudes of displaced persons, the starving multitudes throughout the world. Yet they sing,

"O love of God, so rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure,
The saints' and angels' song."

We have so much for which to

thank God. We are alive and have opportunity to come to Him, and the promise of His listening to our petitions. Shall we make it a daily habit of thanksgiving as we do of petitioning? It has been said that if we persevere in thankfulness through nothing more than the deep-seated habit, we shall find a genuine spring of praise to rush up within us.

A Scottish minister by the name of Halyburton was temperamentally

I THANK THEE, GOD!

Edward E. Byrnes

*I thank thee, God, for thy dear Son,
And for the love made known to me;
I thank thee, God, for what is done,
Because today I am made free.*

*I thank thee, God, for tender care
That bears me up above the throng;
And for the hope of meeting, where,
With all the saved, I'll sing love's song.*

*I thank thee, God, for lifting me
Out of the pit of sin and death,
To share, in all eternity,
The things created by thy breath.*

*I thank thee, God, for this new birth,
And all the peace it brought my soul;*

*Some day, beyond this time and earth,
I'll still thy matchless name extol.*

gloomy. Seemingly out of nowhere, a fog of depression would roll in over his being. In his memoirs he tells us of the discovery he made: "I have found a law that always, even when at the lowest, I can pull myself back into the sunshine through the duty of thankfulness."

If we are to maintain a thankful heart, we must stop grumbling. Grumbling is a habit into which all of us can easily slip and sour our disposition quickly. Why grumble about things we cannot change? Those we can change, just change them and don't let grumbling keep you from giving thanks.

If we are to maintain a thankful

heart, we must accept what brings, joy or sorrow or trouble, offering it before God, asking that He do it according to His will. The Scriptures tell us that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

In our acceptance of all that presents, and in our self-dedication to the will of God, we will have for the soul's deepest secret and be able to maintain a thankful heart in everything, and with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and that is within me, bless His holy name."

Even hardships can become sacramental if we will endure in the spirit of praise. The summer of 1225 was remembered throughout Italy for its fierce heat and drought. Francis of Assisi lay weakened by illness, swarms of field mice ran over his person preventing rest day or night. His disciples were pained by any glimmer of light and yet in this condition he composed his Canticle to the Sun.

In the dedication of all, we follow the example of the Prince of Peace, whose life redounded to glory of God. He accepted His mission gladly, grateful that His meat was do the will of the One who had chosen Him. As He assembled in the upper room with His friends He took bread, the symbol of His body about to be broken, and gave God thanks; and took the cup, the symbol of His blood about to be shed, and gave thanks.

We believe that Christ wishes our lives only that which is best. The gospel reminds us that He knows what is in man; He knows what makes us effective and joy. He is aware of the factors contributing to our greatest growth of our spirit, and these are the things He wishes for us. Can it be that a steady, uninterrupted thankfulness is one of the necessary for the health of our personalities? It is the will of God and Christ for us that it must be. "In everything giving thanks: for this is the will of God concerning you."

This most welcomed Thanksgiving Day comes only a month from the organizing of the Pentecostal Fellowship of America, I feel impressed that "A Pentecostal Thanksgiving" is the best title I could afford to my report to you.

On October 26, nearly two hundred representative ministers from various Pentecostal organizations and a number of independent Pentecostal churches throughout the United States and Canada gathered in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, for a constitutional convention.

The call for a constitutional convention came as a result of preliminary conferences of Pentecostal leaders held earlier in the year, at Chicago, Illinois, and sprang from a general desire among evangelical Pentecostal bodies to have some vehicle of mutual expression such as the Pentecostal Fellowship of America might afford.

Sessions of the convention were held October 26 to 28 at the Church of the Open Door in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was estimated that the delegates and leaders who attended represented a combined membership of nearly a million Pentecostal people.

The chief task of the convention was the formation and adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and this was accomplished easily and quickly, in the warm spirit of brotherhood and mutual confidence that was manifested. Every decision was made by unanimous vote.

The temporary chairman, John C. McMan, appointed a nominating committee, consisting of:

D. Mitzner, Foursquare
 F. Zimmerman, Assembly of God
 D. Bright, Church of God
 Frank Smith, Open Bible (he was pastor)
 A. Synan, Pentecostal Holiness

They recommended that the following serve as the Executive Committee and Board of Administration for the coming year, and without a single dissent everyone was unanimously

WHILE HE IS PULLING

A black and white illustration of a donkey pulling a cart. The donkey is shown in profile, facing right, with its head lowered as if pulling. It has a harness with a pole across its back. The cart is not fully visible, but the pole suggests it is carrying a load. The text "WHILE HE IS PULLING" is written in a bold, sans-serif font above the donkey's head. The style is simple and graphic, typical of early 20th-century advertising.

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This Board of Administration and Executive Committee, consisting of thirteen members, will have the task of passing on applications for membership in the newly created Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. There are no members at the present time. Churches and groups of churches desiring membership must make application, if they desire affiliation with the Fellowship.

Featured during the convention were the evening meetings, which took the form of full-gospel rallies. The first meeting was held at the First Church of the Open Bible, and was addressed by Howard Rusthol, associate pastor of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Calif.

On the second night the service was held at the University Church of Christ, with 2,500 people present. The speaker of the evening was Wesley R. Steelberg, Assistant and General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

An outstanding point during the daytime sessions was the keynote message by Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God on the first morning. Reverend Williams traced the growth of the unity movement among the Pentecostal groups of North America from the time an international Pentecostal gathering was held in Zurich, Switzerland, in May, 1947. He pointed out the many avenues of service in which the new Pentecostal Fellowship will be able to advance the cause of Christ's kingdom throughout the earth.

The afternoon service of the 27th was very important to us and inspiring to all present. Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, conducted the devotions and introduced Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, President of Lee

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Thanksgiving at Lee College

Rev. Stewart Brinsfield, President

The faculty and student body of Lee College are looking forward to a special Thanksgiving service in the college auditorium on Thursday, November 25. We look forward to that day because it is definitely Christian and reflects our American way of life. We shall join in group singing and in prayer and humble devotion to a beneficent and wise heavenly Father. There are a great many things, in fact too numerous to mention, for which we shall express our profound thanks. Here in America we have the highest standards and ideals based upon liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness of any people among the family of the nations of earth. Our heritage of liberty and our love for freedom were expressed in the celebrated words of the fiery and oratorical statesman, Patrick Henry. We cherish our liberty as we cherish life itself.

On this Thanksgiving Day we shall be reminded of the luminous history of our republic, and we shall be awed

in the presence of Him whose Spirit inspired our forefathers to light the torch of liberty and to keep it burning while the vast stretches of the North American wilderness were changed into the cities, towns, gardens, fruited plains, and waving grain fields of this land which we reverently call America, the home of 150 million souls. We shall try to visualize the perils of the Atlantic which were braved by the early settlers in their search for a



land where dreams long cherished could be realized. We shall remember the courage with which they faced that first winter on the rock-bound shores of New England. We shall try to understand the joy that filled the hearts in the spring when the snow and ice were dissipated by the warmth of the new world sun, so that the seed could be planted. We shall try to live with them again through the summer and the autumn when the first crop was harvested. In that way our hearts will vibrate with the true meaning of our American institution of Thanksgiving.

In the midst of our joys, our home, our heritage of freedom, and our Christian institutions, we shall pray for those who have never breathed that air of freedom and who have never known the message of love, and we trust that you in your homes and in your churches will join in making this a truly festive occasion with a prayer that God will bless America and keep her free.

Giving Thanks Always

Rev. J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary

Eph. 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I'm so thankful on this Thanksgiving Day, and every day, for the wonderful mercies of God. I thank Him for everything. Many times it is hard to see reasons for thankfulness in the bewildering perplexities and the unintelligible conflicts, but I am thankful, through it all, that an all-wise, all-loving heavenly Father views the situation from the other side—the topside. My imperfect knowledge leaves me many times in consternation; I'm saddened with my shortcomings; but still I look up, knowing that my God understands, that somewhere in His plan He has a purpose in it all. We Christians remember that from death (the tomb) comes life (the living Christ).

I have come to realize that being thankful for all things doesn't just mean all things that are pleasant, but it includes all things, even the

dark places where I cannot see. Many times in solemn moments of heart-searching meditation, and even now as I scan my life's short history, despite its griefs and imperfections, there wells up within my soul a true gratitude for the eternal mercies of God, for everything. After all, when I look about and see so many others who have had greater struggles than I have, and have through it all, been enriched spiritually by their sufferings, I wonder why I always shrink from it.

I was impressed much with the testimony of John Davis, which was given in *The Dawn*, August 15, 1925, p. 238, and I here pass it on to you:

"Says John Davis, the Indian missionary, for sixteen years a leper and now dying of leprosy: 'Don't think me unhappy. My little room shines with the glory of an invisible Presence, and my heart with the abiding fullness of the joy of God.'

"I had said, 'Lord, let me be Thy

servant, filled with Thy Spirit, give all my thought, all my energy, and my life to thee.' And He answered: 'Instead of letting me serve Him as I had planned to do, He suddenly took me away from the work forever. I lay in the hospital in England, and especially when the first horror of the final outcome was upon me, I thought sometimes that the Lord had forgotten and forsaken me, that He had hidden His face from me; but it was not so. The more sorrow I have had, his to bear, the easier it has become, and now I am rejoicing in my Savior every hour.'

"You ask how I am. I have lost my eyesight now, and my voice; but my heart is far from dead. I have no doubt in these days, and if I had a voice I should be singing all the time."—*The Speakers Bible*.

From all our department—Missions—we give thanks today and always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ by

FAITH

By the Editor



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And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity," 1 Cor. 13:13.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is the assent to the fundamental doctrines of Christian theology revealed in the Bible, especially in God and His goodness; conviction that a thing unproved by evidence is true.

Augustine says, "Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we have."

Paul says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Volstoy says, "Faith is the force of

an ancient writer says, "Faith is the foot of the soul, so it comes to Christ. Faith is the hand of the soul, so it receives Christ. Faith is the arm of the soul, so it embraces Christ. Faith is the eye of the soul, so it looks upon Christ. Faith is the mouth of the soul, so it feeds upon Christ. Faith is the lips of the soul, so it kisses Christ."

According to *Cruden's Concordance*, faith is mentioned only once in the Old Testament—Deut. 32:20, "will hide my face from them; they will see what their end shall be: for they are a very forward generation, and forget their God, who made them, children in whom is no faith."

The term "by faith" is found once in the Old Testament—Hab. 2:4, "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not brought down: he will live by faith."

Paul was the first to advocate this new philosophy of life, and the apostles; the Christians adhered to it and practiced it. But gradually, this grand philosophy was almost entirely discarded. After hundreds of years, however, God gave to the world a man by the name of Martin Luther, who had the courage to practice and adhere to this philosophy—"The just shall live by faith"—and in preaching it he

rolled the dark clouds of Roman Catholicism aside so that the day of Protestantism could dawn upon the world with its unwelcomed but glorious light in which the Church is walking today.

The term "but faith" is found three hundred times in the New Testament and "by faith" forty times.

The Old Testament contains no such terms as "your faith," "thy faith," "their faith," "in faith," "through faith," neither "faithless," which is found four times in the New Testament. "Faithfulness" is found nineteen times in the Old Testament and not any in the New Testament. "Faithful" is found thirty times in the Old Testament and forty-seven times in the New Testament. "Faithfully" is found seven times in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament. But there can be no faithfulness, etc., without faith. James says faith without works is dead, and works without faith are dead.

II. FROM WHERE DOES FAITH COME?

1. *God.* Paul says, in Rom. 12:3, that God has been the source of faith from the beginning.

2. *Jesus.* Peter says in Acts 3:16 and Paul in Heb. 12:2 that faith is especially for the Church age.

III. THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH FAITH COMES

Paul says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Rom. 10:17.

The main channel to both saint and sinner is set forth in these words: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." "He that cometh unto him," Heb. 11:6.

IV. THE REWARDS OF FAITH

1. *Justification.* Rom. 5:1, 8, 9.

2. *Sanctification.* Acts 15:9, "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

3. *Baptism of the Holy Ghost.* It was faith that made them tarry. Luke 24:49.

V. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD FAITH

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus," Gal. 3:26.

Paul said we are the children of God by faith, therefore we stand by faith. 2 Cor. 1:24, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

We walk by faith, 2 Cor 5:7, "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)."

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I give thanks, not because this is Thanksgiving and a national holiday, but because it is one of the very best habits I have ever formed. If I were to start out to count all the blessings of the Lord upon my life, I would be as successful as a person trying to count the stars on a clear night. Therefore, I shall thank God, first, that I am, by the grace of God and the blood of Jesus, a Christian; second, that my father and mother taught me to love God and the Bible; third, that I have a precious Christian wife and five sons and three daughters who love the Lord Jesus, their parents, and each other; fourth, that I am a member and minister of the Church of God; fifth, that there is wonderful fellowship here in the Publishing House between the department heads and the employees; sixth, that I am a citizen of the United States of America. For all of this and more, I am thankful.—J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief.

At this season of the year I am thankful for all God's benefits, and feel like joining David as he calls as if to a choir, once, twice, thrice, "Sing!

Sing! Sing!" He sings of God's great power! He sings of abundant provision! He sings of God's universal providence! I am thankful that the first favor from the Lord is not material prosperity. Due to men's shortsightedness and selfishness, they often so imagine, but thank God, Christian experience proves the contrary. "Grace" is better than gifts. "Mercy" exceeds favor. "Healing" is above riches, and the binding of "the broken heart" is more to be desired than big harvests. Surely everyone desires to unite wholeheartedly in saying, "Praise ye the Lord."—A. M. Phillips, Business Manager.

When the harvest is gathered and the yield tabulated, the degree of our thanks is reactionary. It is a natural consequence to notice from whom our blessings come. If the normal attitude of mankind is this, how much more should Spirit-filled servants be thankful.

May I add a gamut to the testimonies of the employees, a tune to the creed of happiness, a note of prayer from the heart to God for all.—Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor.

There are so many things for which I am thankful it would just be impossible to tell them. Above all, I'm thankful for the Lord and His blessings. He has really been good to me.—Wanda Carey, Secretary, Editor-in-Chief and Music Editor.

There is an old song which is very appealing to me, because it gives a challenge to the singer:

*Count your many blessings;
Name them one by one.
Count your many blessings;
See what God has done.*

When you first see these lines the challenge appears innocent, and easy enough; but that appearance is deceptive. What? Count my blessings? Name them one by one? Well, I tried that one day and had to surrender to utter defeat. I found that my life was not blessed with a large number of independent blessings, gracious things, and which God had done for me. I slowly realized that each blessing went into my arm with another blessing, which in turn was in arms with another blessing—then I knew! My life, my being, my all was engulfed in a system of

procession of blessings that
er, even in eternity, can be counted
named one by one. Thanks be to
Have you ever tried it? If not,
it today.—Charles W. Conn, Editor,
LIGHTED PATHWAY.

Every season should be a season of
Thanksgiving for the Christian but,
we forget, Thanksgiving Day is
claimed as a day of remembrance
of the blessings of God. I do thank
for His multitude of blessings in
life: my Christian experience, my
me, my companion, my church, my
ands are especial blessings to me.
Iwana Brown, Secretary, THE
LIGHTED PATHWAY and Editor-in-
chief.

My thankfulness to God cannot be
ade known in the few words I might
here. Only God Himself, who
understands our hearts, can know
truly grateful I am for every
man of His love and graciousness to
me, to my loved ones, to my friends,
my fellow workers here at Head-
quarters, to our church, and to our
sion. I am thankful for the Bible,
blood, and the Holy Ghost, and be-
cause of the assurance I have of the
land on the other shore
some who were dear to my heart,
which has made heaven seem closer
brighter to me.

As we write the Sunday School
nature and make ready the *Evangel*
other publications printed and
called out from the Publishing House,
er and over we remember that if
did not help us we could not
ry on. My prayer many times has
m, "Lord, help us to work as unto
ee." I am glad to have a part in
e Lord's work and appreciate His
my blessings upon our efforts. May
d help us all to be ready and have
aves to lay at His feet when He
es to take His faithful and true
es to be with Him.—Irene Wales,
Associate Editor.

Thanksgiving always makes me feel
I tried counting my many blessings,
under lining them one by one. But finding
life was impossible, I say with the Psalm-
ist David, "Bless the Lord, O my
thing: and all that is within me, bless
slowly holy name." Truly, I have much
nt arm which to praise the Lord. I thank
which for good health, with which I
nothere always been blessed, and for
my be gently healing my eyes. Too, I praise
systeme Lord for a happy home life.

I am delighted with my work in the
literature department of the Church.
The Lord wonderfully helps me in
preparing each *Junior Challenge*, and
each *Junior Teacher's Quarterly* and
the other work that has recently been
assigned me. Again I say with David,
"Great is the Lord, and greatly to
be praised."—Geneva Carroll, Associ-
ate Editor.

I'm thankful first for God and His
plan of salvation—that He is a God of
love and mercy.

Second, I'm thankful for Christian
parents whose lives and prayers have
been of constant inspiration and bless-
ing to me.

Among other things for which I'm
thankful are innumerable answers to
prayer, health, and material blessing.
—Clarone Clark Hughes, Proofreader.

I cannot help being thankful to the
most High because His love has
reached even me. Knowing full well
that Christ has been my strength, my
joy, and my comfort, I pause a few
moments in recognition of the Giver
of "every good and every perfect gift,"
and thank Him for all blessings, both
spiritual and material, that have been
strewn on my pathway.—Ella Hender-
son, Proofreader.

My soul doth magnify the Lord for
all His blessings and benefits to mine
and me. "Thou art my God, and I will
praise thee."—Mrs. Daniel H. Burt,
Proofreader, Sunday School Litera-
ture and Evangel.

I thank God for redemption through
the blood of the Lamb who was slain
for my sins. I thank Him for peace
and joy—the abundant life I am en-
joying as a result of accepting Him as
my personal Saviour. My greatest de-
sire is to be an obedient servant for
my Master every remaining day of
my life.—Mrs. Garland Griffiths, Proof-
reader, Sunday School Literature and
Evangel.

Thanksgiving to me is more than an
ordinary day. It brings to my mind
the heroic, Christian principles of the
brave group that suffered hardships
untold so we might be able to continue
celebrating this one day as a me-
morial to what God did for our fore-
fathers and what He is doing for us
today. Thanksgiving is a sacred day—
a day when all the world should be
thankful. As we approach this day

from year to year, I begin to take in-
ventory of the blessings received from
God, both temporal and spiritual, and
I think, "How could a man be un-
grateful in a great world, in this day
of freedom?" For all God has been
and is to me today, I am thankful.—
R. R. Walker, General Secretary and
Treasurer.

I am thankful for the atoning blood
of Jesus Christ and His many bless-
ings to me.—Mrs. Gainus Murphree,
Bookkeeper, Office of General Secre-
tary.

I am thankful for the promises the
Lord has given that He will never
leave us, and as I trust in these prom-
ises it makes me happy and hopeful
for the future.—Mrs. Raymond San-
ders, Office of General Secretary.

Dear Evangel Readers:

This morning I am truly thankful
for the love of God and His blessings
directed to me, salvation and a land
where we can worship our Redeemer
in the way we wish.—Nina Mary
Blocker, Office of General Secretary.

I am thankful for the many bless-
ings God has given me, but most of all
I am thankful for old time salvation.
—Mrs. R. R. Walker, Office of Gen-
eral Secretary.

I love the Lord and I praise Him to-
day for His many blessings and good-
ness to me and because I know He is
able to keep me from all harm.—
Arvetta Lee, Office of General Secre-
tary.

I am thankful this Thanksgiving
season for health and happiness and
most of all for the wonderful privilege
of salvation which God has bestowed
upon us.—Ruth Carroll, Office of
General Secretary.

God's blessings upon my life have
been so many that my entire being
is profoundly grateful, I am not only
thankful for the numerous temporal
blessings but also the spiritual bless-
ings that I receive daily.

I am thankful for what Jesus has
been to me; for His ever-abiding pres-
ence; for the hope of immortality and
of knowing that some day I shall see
Him and be like Him. 1 John 3:2.—
Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent, Church
of God Orphanage.

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Foreign Missions

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Every Creature



J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

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MUCH PRAYER IS NEEDED

The following is a letter written to Miss Anna L. Stanfield by Reverend Frank Porada after he received a package of clothing she mailed to the Philippine Islands. It portrays the urgent need of prayer and finance for mission work.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 7, 1948

Miss Anna L. Stanfield
Box 224

Crosby, Minnesota

Dear Sister Stanfield:

Greetings from Pittsburgh in Jesus' name. May these few lines find you well and happy in the service of the Lord.

I have your card before me of the packages of old clothes and some pairs of shoes which you sent me while in the Philippines. Those things I repacked to send to another worker, but the postage was so high there I could not do so. Therefore, I gave them to another one of our pastors, who has a family of eight children. I am sure he can make good use of all you so kindly sent to us. I thank you for it all. May God richly reward you for the kindness you have shown and the interest in the poor and our good

work, although I am here at the present time, and feel it to be the right thing to come home at such a time as this. Sometimes we may not know exactly the reason for all we are led to do. One thing I know that He works all things out for His glory.

The missionary work there is in good condition and will continue under my supervision until I shall some day return to carry the work on to greater victory than ever before. I feel that I have a work to do here at the present time and that I can do more for the cause there by my presence here for a short while. The work is a glorious work and must not be neglected. A fine group of native workers are carrying on the work in my absence.

My homecoming was a grand surprise to my family. Mrs. Porada was busy cleaning on Friday when I drove up in a cab to the home of her mother. When I got out of the cab then only did they come running to meet me. What a time of meeting that was. My little boy who is three years old did not know me for a long time; he just couldn't make out who I might be until his brother came home in the afternoon and came climbing all over me for joy. Then the little fellow began to realize I must be his daddy, since his brother claimed me for his daddy. It is really nice to be back home from that dark land of sin and terrible nightmare.

I do appreciate the interest you have shown in foreign missions. I hope your interest will become greater still. The need to carry on the work of God and the support of native workers is very great.

We have eight churches and about ten or twelve missions. Only one native is receiving financial support

at the present time. The work is very new for the Church of God there and they have spent much money already for that work, and promised and will give help for the natives as soon as they possibly can. I realize that we all must pitch in and help the Mission Board to raise the necessary funds for the missionary cause. I wish I could help them in some way to raise the money. Our native men have been working without help for such a long time, and will continue to do so, because of their love for God and lost souls. They need help to do a better job so they can devote more or all of their time to the evangelizing of their people.

I, too, solicit your help for the Philippines. If you can possibly become a regular supporter of the work there, I shall be glad to tell you more about our natives and their work some other time. Some people are now sending in their money to the Missions Department for the work in the Philippines. If you can possibly interest anybody in the work, I shall be very glad. I will not ask for myself, but I do want to help my precious faithful workers who time and again have faced great danger for the gospel's sake. Prayer is one item that we all can give, if nothing else, and that is of greatest importance. But how many are really praying? Very few, perhaps. Some have rather give than pray, but nothing can substitute for real prayer. Please pray as much as you can for the Philippine workers and their missionaries. Thank you.

After being there for some time, it is quite a big change to come home and try to adjust myself to this American way of living again. The bed is too soft for me to sleep on, for I have been used to a hard bed; the food seems too rich to eat; the climate too cool for me, etc. My, what a change a few years makes away from home in that country! I have been used to sweating all the time, just soaked most of the time. Now it is so different, since I am at home. It is too good to be true that I am away from all the miseries that a foreign country holds for us Americans. It is a real treat to be home again. Please for me as I shall go on to know Him better every day.—Your missionary to the Philippine Islands, Frank Porada

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LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Lee Memorial Library is one of the many lovely buildings on the Lee College campus. The main floor are the offices of President Brinsfield, Dean Tapley, Lacy Powell, registrar, Duell Free, accountant, and Cecil Bridges, business manager. The basement floor contains the bookstore, Annual Room, correspondence department, and the audio-visual aids department. The third floor is the library. In the next few weeks we expect to give you, on page, pictures of all the leading buildings on the campus. To all of you we extend our thanks for providing such beautiful buildings as these in which we can prepare ourselves for work for God.

HERE AND THERE

Lee College stands for cooperation among the Pentecostal people of this country. Jesus said, "By this shall all the world know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," John 13:35. We are glad our president, J. Stewart Brinsfield could attend the Pentecostal fellowship meeting at Des Moines. Don't miss his article that meeting.

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet gave a concert at Lee College on Monday night, November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Odom are now working for the Lord in the Northwest. Their address is Route 1, Icicle Road, Leavenworth, Washington. We miss Mrs. Odom at Lee College, but we praise God that she and her husband are willing to enter this needy field. May God give us more workers

A PENTECOSTAL THANKSGIVING

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Another high light was the message the second day by Gustav Kinderman, Field Secretary for Europe, of the Assemblies of God. He told of the work in which various Pentecostal groups in Germany and other parts of Europe are uniting their efforts. Reverend Kinderman announced that a World Pentecostal Conference

is being planned to meet in Paris, France, during May, 1949. Speakers during the Des Moines convention pointed out that a unity movement among the various groups of Pentecostal churches is under way in Great Britain, as well as in Europe, India, China, and other parts of the world, and a great forward move in the work of evangelizing the world is anticipated as a result.

The convention climaxed in a great divine healing meeting at the KRNT Radio Theater, which holds 4,500 people. A great crowd came to hear Evan-

gelist Oral Roberts, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and at the close of the meeting many who were sick were prayed for by the evangelist and by the ministers who were present.

It was made very clear, both from the platform and in the articles of organization adopted at this Constitutional Convention, that there is no intention or desire to create a "super church" in the Pentecostal movement. The purpose is to promote fellowship, as the name "Pentecostal Fellowship" implies. This is definitely stated in

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OUR LEE COLLEGE

RULINGS PASSED IN RECENT ASSEMBLY

That the sale of Lee College notes be continued, and that each minister receiving the maximum amount allowed by the General Assembly, and others who are financially able, be encouraged to take the lead in purchasing said notes by subscribing to at least 10 per cent of their net income monthly. Further, that notes should not be cashed within two years, except in case of emergency.

Whereas, the Church in its expansion program is in financial strain and in need of \$220,000, January 1, 1949, as payment on educational expansion program, that each church raise a freewill offering, and make this amount at least equivalent to \$1.00 a member, with the request that the pastors do their very best to send this amount to General Headquarters with the November, 1948, reports, and that it be earmarked for LEE COLLEGE ONLY. Further, that our publications carry a reminder of this in each issue as long as needed.

That a special issue of the EVANGEL be issued the first week in January, 1949, which will include the names of all churches which have submitted their offerings for Lee College.

That we have an Advisory Board to the Board of Education, consisting of all state overseers, which shall meet with the Board of Education and President at each Assembly, to advise with them in matters pertaining to the best interest of the School and Church.

REOPENS JANUARY 24 - PLAN NOW TO ENROLL



Giving Thanks for Last-Day Miracles

The Spirit-filled saints should lift their hearts in humble praise for the glorious manner in which God has led us in the speedy accomplishment of His will. There is not a doubt in our minds about the blessedness of the Holy Ghost baptism. We agree on the fundamentals of the Holy Scriptures and enjoy a remarkable fellowship in the boundless grace of our Lord. We are conscious of God's hand upon us.

At the turn of the century a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit began to be witnessed throughout this country and in several other parts of the world. Born-again Christians rejoicing in the power of Christ's redemptive grace began to seek for and receive a mighty endowment of the Holy Ghost. The gift of the Spirit was attended by strange but thrilling experiences—divine revelations and a new zeal for service. Everyone who received the baptism in the Spirit witnessed a tremendous influx of joy and spoke ecstatically in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Denominational ministers received the experience, and in many cases were forced to give up their pulpits. The result was that new churches sprang up. In other instances humble consecrated laymen were anointed by the Holy Ghost. They were expelled from the churches, persecuted and despised. The result was that God used many of them as pastors, evangelists, and teachers for the development of His work.

It is most significant that the Holy Ghost fell as on the day of Pentecost in the period from 1906-1908 in the U. S. A., Scandinavia, Britain, The Union of South Africa, and other parts of the world. Since that time millions of people have received the experience. There are more than half a million people in the organized Pentecostal denominations in this country, in addition to hundreds of independent churches not affiliated with any organization. The Pentecostal movement has become exceptionally large in Scandinavian coun-

tries and other sections of Europe. The work of the Spirit goes on in spite of war and other impediments. Communism, socialism, and all forms of opposition from Roman Catholicism have been unable to stop the movement of the Spirit. This last-days Pentecostal revival has been attended by many wonderful miracles wrought by Spirit-filled Christians through the power of God.

A modern-day miracle happened recently. It was the occasion of the Constitutional Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, which convened in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26-28. This meeting was, without doubt, the greatest gathering of Spirit-filled saints I have ever attended. It was divinely ordained. The hope and prayer of many Pentecostal leaders became a marvelous reality. Such fellowship and understanding among us was certainly a return to apostolic faith.

The first service was held on Tuesday night in the headquarters "Church of the Open Bible." The fellowship was grand. Brother Rusthol, associate pastor of Angelus Temple, preached a marvelous sermon, which was followed by a great altar service.

On Wednesday morning, the keynote sermon was delivered by Brother E. S. Williams, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. This message was full of the good things that inspire the soul. Brother Williams outlined the objectives of the Fellowship, and all were deeply conscious of God's guidance in the preliminary meetings held in Chicago, May 7 and August 3. This sermon was followed by a business session, at which Rev. John C. Jernigan, state overseer of the Church of God in Virginia, presided. The committee on constitution and by-laws gave its report followed by a general discussion.

The Wednesday night meeting was held in the large Church of Christ auditorium, with approximately 2,500 people attending. This was a great

service and the congregation was moved to prayer, messages and interpretations by the Holy Ghost. It was heavenly to be in the presence of God and His people.

Thursday was devoted to business. The constitution and by-laws were unanimously adopted. The regular officers were elected and other important business transacted. I have never seen business meetings conducted more smoothly or efficiently. The Spirit of love and fellowship in God were too wonderful for words.

The climax of the conference was reached on Thursday night when 4,000 people attended a great meeting in the K. R. N. T. Radio Theatre. The spiritual visitation was soul-gripping. Rev. Oral Roberts, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, was the evening speaker. His great sermon was followed by an altar service and a healing service. The crippled walked; the sick were healed; the deaf heard. Hundreds came for prayer. It was the greatest mass healing service I ever witnessed. Truly God is getting His people ready for the rapture.

To me it is significant that the last days outpouring began at the turn of the century, and now, after forty years of Pentecostal revival, the Pentecostal people are forming a great fellowship. It is not a mere coincidence that at the same time we in America are uniting—that the same thing is happening in England and other parts of Europe. The Pentecostal people are coming together. The time is ripe for a world-wide Pentecostal revival and the coming of the Lord. Truly, friends, these are the most important days. You will see the results of this great movement as we draw nearer the coming of the Lord. These things are wonderful in our eyes. We shall see this fellowship rising in an ever-increasing crescendo of divine symphony, culminating with the shout of the Bridegroom and the nuptial music at the marriage supper.—J. Stewart Brinsfield.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE PERSONNEL GIVE THANKS

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I am thankful to the Lord for His great plan of salvation. I also appreciate the Church of God and the good work it is doing, and the wonderful fellowship we have with fellow employees here at the Publishing House. Ruth Roberts, Secretary to General Overseer and Assistant General Overseer.

At this Thanksgiving season, I am thankful for God's love and mercy, for Jesus Christ, my Saviour and soon-coming king, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I am thankful for my family, friends, and church. My heart is grateful for health, liberty, and peace, and for food and clothing. Thank you, Lord, for all these blessings and for the Bible. Psalm 68:19.—Martin Baldree, Jr., Missions Department.

I am thankful for all of God's blessings. He has been especially wonderful to me, and I am unable to express my gratitude. I will sum it up by saying, "Thank you Lord for everything." Nellie Baker, Missions Department.

I am happy in Jesus and praise His name because He is my Saviour and a present help in the time of need. I am thankful for all His blessings, temporal and spiritual.—Susie Green, Missions Department.

I am thankful for food, shelter, and clothing, the birds, the trees and the flowers. But most of all I am thankful for Jesus and everything He means to me. My heart is lifted in gratitude and appreciation to Him for salvation. Elsie Creech, Secretary, National Youth Director.

Numerous reasons could be advanced to support the spirit of THANKSGIVING on the part of many peoples of the world at this season, but living in the land where granaries now overflow from a bumper harvest production; where liberties of a free people have been protected under a constitutional form of government longer than that of any other nation on earth; where liberties still exist and encourage and protect religious worship, rightly prompts the heart of every true American to have a humble feeling of gratefulness for all these blessings. I am glad that such a land is my

native home; that its flag, with stars and stripes signifying the sacrifice making such blessings enjoyable, is still unfurled to the breeze, and may it please God to have it continue. Above all such blessings eternal redemption is appreciated by this writer.

The responsibility and privilege of working in the bookkeeping department of the Publishing House, with good and courteous employees over the past eleven years, has been enjoyed.—Glover P. Ledford, Head Bookkeeper.

Among the things for which I am thankful, are: God's goodness to mankind, His saving grace, His healing power, and our privilege and freedom to worship Him.—Lydia O'Neil, Bookkeeping Department.

Two years ago the Lord wonderfully healed my body and gave me the Holy Ghost. Indeed, I feel very grateful to Him for His many blessings.—Gladys Cromer, Bookkeeping Department.



I am thankful that God has kept me under the shadow of His wings. I have much to be thankful for, and I want to live worthy of God's blessings, giving thanks unto Him.—Louise Dupree, Bookkeeping Department.

As the day of Thanksgiving draws near we begin to ponder over the many things of which we have to be thankful. I am thankful for life, health and, of course, the peace with God that I have in my soul.—Daisy Denson, Bookkeeping Department.

I am grateful to the Lord Jesus for spiritual and material blessings. It is grand to be a citizen of the United States and be protected by its great government.—Carolina Bright, Bookkeeping Department.

Well, another Thanksgiving Day is rolling around and I am still thankful for the many good blessings of life, both temporal and spiritual. I am so glad that I am saved, sanctified, and

have the blessed Holy Ghost and want to continue to be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Lillie Million, Sales Department.

I thank the Lord for salvation and for all that He means to me. Truly, He is the fairest of ten thousand and altogether lovely. It is true that it is not all sunshine along the way, but while going through the valley, which is the time we need Him most, if we only look and feel for Him, we find Him there, for He is the Lily of the Valley and the Bright and Morning Star to the soul that will let Him be. Bless His name. May God bless you.—Lydia Munn, Sales Department.

God has done many wonderful things for me, for which I am truly thankful. I work in the subscription department and deem it a great privilege.—Mrs. A. K. Wheeler.

Jesus grows more wonderful to me as the days go by. My work is in the stencil department, and I am very glad to work with Christian people.—Lois Boehmer.

As I look back over my life, I am especially reminded of a day six years ago. I am most thankful for that day, because it was then that God spoke to my heart, and I was saved. Since that day He has helped me through four years of study at Bible School. For that I am so thankful. I am also grateful for the privilege of working with Christian people here at the Publishing House. This good Christian environment helps to make my work a joy instead of a burden.—Willie Ruth (Hill) Ray, Information Window.

I am thankful that for more than thirteen years it has been my privilege to work in the Publishing House, and, if I have, in any small way contributed to its success, for this I am indeed thankful.—Lee Bell, Foreman Printing Department.

I am truly thankful for health and the privilege of living in Christian America.—Geo. Keppler, Compositor.

I never cease to be thankful to God for salvation through faith in His Son Jesus.—Martin Miller, Compositor.

God has been very good to me, for

which I am thankful.—Ernest Brown, Apprentice Compositor.

I am thankful for the assurance that God will care for all things that are committed unto Him.—J. D. Hyberger, Linotype Operator.

One night twenty years ago this Thanksgiving, I left home, unhappy, discouraged, my life a miserable failure. Above the noise of the train wheels it seemed I could hear my mother sobbing as she kissed me goodbye at the door. Since that time, God has wrought a change in my life. For six years after my conversion I had my application in for a job at the Church of God Publishing House. I never ceased praying for the Lord to make an opening possible. This Thanksgiving Day I am happy to be connected with this fine Christian organization. I enjoy the blessed fellowship of the employees and officials.—Ralph Campbell, Linotype Operator.

I am thankful for the privilege of working for a Christian organization and with Christian people. I appreciate every one of them.—Irma Campbell, Linotype Operator.

I truly thank the Lord this Thanksgiving for the United States, in which we live, where we may serve the Lord according to our belief.—Leon Frazier, Linotype Operator.

I praise the Lord for saving me and giving me the Holy Ghost. I am thankful for health and happiness. I am glad that He has given me a place to work where I can be a blessing in printing the Word of God.—W. C. Coile, Pressman.

Thank God for the good old Holiness Highway. If you will trust Him, He will keep you every day.—Arlie Cooper, Pressman.

I am very grateful indeed to the Lord for His love to me and for the blessed promise that He is coming again to gather His harvest.—Harry Harper, Pressman.

I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for the burdens He carried and the pain He bore that I might have eternal life through Him.—Hiram A. Brumley, Job Pressman.

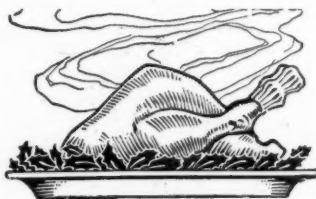
First of all, I thank the Lord for

saving my soul; also, for this another year I have served with His people to help publish the gospel of the Lord. Pray for me.—Charles L. McKinney, Job Pressman.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of working here in the Church of God Publishing House and for all the other blessings He has bestowed upon me.—Mack Coile, Folder Operator.

I thank and praise God today and every day for His daily blessings to me, to my family and to our city, and for His rich blessings upon this great nation of ours. His blessings are too numerous to mention, so I just say, Thank God for it all!—Raymond Holloway, at the Cutter.

I met you in the Evangel in March, the Evangel's birthday, and I am glad to say hello again. I am the one who folds your Sunday School literature.—W. E. Johnston, Folderman.



I thank the Lord for the many blessings of this past year. There have been conflicts yet victories, sorrows yet joys, and there hath not failed one word of all His good promises.—F. J. McLain, Mailing Department.

I am thankful that we are serving a God who is just, all-wise, and all-seeing, and who loved the world, even me, enough to give His life to redeem my soul and give me life everlasting.—Sallie Bell McCune, Mailing Department.

I thank the Lord for His many blessings to me and for this privilege of telling you *Evangel* readers that I am happy to be connected with the Publishing House in the mailing department.—Elva Hewett.

I thank the Lord for Thanksgiving Day, the day set apart by Governor Bradford for the Pilgrims long ago. I also thank God for the *Evangel*, which carries the good news to people throughout our land and in foreign

lands.—Rosa Barrett, Mailing Department.

God has been very good to me, and I am truly thankful for His many blessings. I work in the mailing department of the Church of God Publishing House, and I thank God for this privilege.—Mrs. J. P. Baldr

I am thankful that another Thanksgiving finds me able to be at work in the mailing department of the Church of God Publishing House along with many blessings.—Lillian Bryant.

I am thanking the Lord today for His love and keeping power. He has cared for me through many hard places. Praise His name!—Agnes Benton, Mailing Department.

SHE PLANTED A FLOWER

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dedicated her life to the purpose of proving in a tangible way our gratitude to those who sleep and to those who returned with handicaps. The poppy, she resolved, should stand as a national symbol of the sacrifice made in our behalf. Tiny reproductions of it should be made, by the thousands, and worn by those whose contributions should make possible the resources visualized by her. These resources should provide the means of honoring the heroic dead and giving help to the needy living. It should provide the means of taking care of debts incurred during the uncertain days of war.

These dreams materialized and came to full flower. Her objective was reached; her joy knew no bounds when the poppy was adopted as the national memorial flower at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary. Another high light was the launching of a large poppy in the water, symbolic of lives lost at sea. About twelve years after the birth of the idea, the Naval Academy at Annapolis gave recognition to the idea and planned the ceremony to go along with that rendered at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Miss Moira expressed her appreciation both to Colonel McCrae and to the noble dead in a response to the poem she called, "To Keep the Faith" and in it she pledged that we would hold high the torch they threw and that we would cherish the red poppy whose bloom would symbolize the blood that was poured out for us.

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A PENTECOSTAL THANKSGIVING

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preamble to the constitution which was adopted. The preamble states that the purpose in adopting constitution and by-laws is "to express the expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of church government adopted by its members; recognizing that every freedom of privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession."

know that you will find adequate support for this last paragraph and your understanding of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America be broadened by reading the constitution which follows:

PREAMBLE

We would give expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of church government adopted by its

members; and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession, this association agrees to be governed by the following constitution and by-laws.

1. NAME

The name of this association shall be "The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America."

2. OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a vehicle of expression and coordination of effort in matters common to all member bodies, including missionary and evangelistic effort throughout the world.

2. To demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Spirit-baptized believers, fulfilling the prayer of the Lord Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

3. To provide services to our constituents which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and efficiently their responsibility for the speedy evangelization of the world.

4. To encourage the principles of comity for the nurture of the body of Christ, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come to the unity of the faith.

3. STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe that the full gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing for the body and the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be eligible to those Pentecostal evangelical institutions, churches, and groups of churches which shall subscribe to the statement of faith of the association and which agree to be governed by the principles, purposes and objectives of the fellowship as set forth in the constitution and by-laws.

Applicants for membership shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Administration.

After having read through this report and constitution, I am sure you share my sentiment that a new day has dawned for those of like precious faith, and that this is indeed an epochal Thanksgiving Day for Pentecostals who have begun to live, breathe, and work within and for the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.—Editor-in-Chief.

Christmas . . .

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